

REMARKS

This is meant to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2006. In the Office Action, the restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:


- Group I: claims 1-11 and 19-23, drawn to a method to alleviate pain, classified under Class 424, Subclass 94.1, for example.
- Group II: claims 12-14, drawn to a composition comprising an enzyme inhibitor to alleviate pain, classified in Class 435, Subclass 183, for example.
- Group III: claims 15-18, drawn to a composition comprising an enzyme inhibitor and an analgesic to alleviate pain, classified in Class 424, Subclass 094.1, for example.

Applicant respectfully elects Group I, and currently pending claims 1, 3-11, 19 and 21-23 readable thereon. Non-elected claims 12-18 have been canceled herein, without prejudice, and will be pursued in a divisional application.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or the Remarks contained therein, Applicant's representative would welcome the opportunity to discuss the same with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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